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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated 09/10/2002, with respect to the above-identified patent application.

1. Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121

The Examiner indicated that the patent application contains the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to tissue cutting devices having a handpiece, a cannula hub, and a tube disposed within an elongated channel in the outer surface of the handpiece and extending to a fluid port in the cannula hub, classified in class 600, subclass 563.
- II. Claims 5 and 6, drawn to a tissue cutting device including a motor assembly, a vacuum source, and a tissue collection container, classified in class 600, subclass 566.
- III. Claim 7, drawn to a tissue cutting device including a handpiece, a reciprocating motor, and a rotary motor having wings that are slidably supported on rails within the handpiece to resist rotation of the rotary motor, classified in class 600, subclass 568.
- IV. Claims 4, 8 and 9, drawn to methods of performing a tissue biopsy in order to remove tissue from a patient, classified in class 600, subclass 562.

Group I is provisionally elected without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications having claims drawn to the non-elected inventions.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, he is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

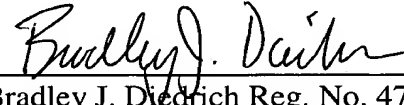
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